



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held September 2, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Burke:

"The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has submitted a request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a petition for a technology-specific overlay to allow or permit existing machine telephone lines, such as ATMs, credit card machines, cash registers, gas pumps, burglar alarms, the STAR alert systems in automobiles and the defense industry, which has scores of its machines using existing telephone lines, to be able to hook their machines to a new area code and avoid splitting the local '310' area code into a new '424' area code. This request had been pulled back from the FCC and needs to be resubmitted.

"We see that the recent FCC decision to require phone companies to share blocks of numbers that are 75 percent unused will make 260,000 additional phone numbers available in the '310' area code. Recent action allowing individual portability will also free up numbers, as will geographic portability between rate centers. We feel the FCC can take action, which will extend the '310' area code for years and help avoid a costly burden on the business community.

"It is our contention that recent actions have been instrumental in conserving numbers in the '310' area code and that current consumption levels would take years to use up the available numbers. This technology overlay would not cost the business community any money and would help free up thousands of numbers for personal use in the '310' area code."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to:

1. Send a letter to each member of the State Public Utilities Commission requesting that they take action in October 2003 to resubmit to the Federal Communications Commission a petition for a technology overlay to allow or permit existing machine telephone lines, such as ATMs, credit card machines, cash registers, gas pumps, burglar alarms, the STAR alert systems in automobiles and the defense industry, which has scores of its machines using existing telephone lines, to be able to hook their machines to a new area code and avoid splitting the local "310" area code into a new "424" area code; and
2. Send a letter to each member of the Federal Communications Commission urging that they take quick action to approve the petition for technology overlay for the "310"/proposed "424" area code, to deter area code splits across the United States and allow the Southern California region to be at the forefront for producing data to curb these costly and untimely splits.

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